



## 1997 SENATE BILL 360

November 19, 1997 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, PLACHE and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives GREEN, GROTHMAN, GUNDERSON, SERATTI, BOYLE, MEYER and LORGE. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 125.33 (2) (h) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing brewers  
2             and alcohol beverage wholesalers to contribute money or things of value to or  
3             for the benefit of certain festivals held in 2nd class cities.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no brewer or alcohol beverage wholesaler may furnish, give, lend, lease or sell any furniture, fixtures, fittings, equipment, money or other thing of value to any alcohol beverage retailer, or to any person for the use, benefit or relief of any alcohol beverage retailer. A brewer or alcohol beverage wholesaler may not take such actions directly or indirectly, or by any officer, director, stockholder or partner. However, current law provides specific exceptions to this prohibition. One such exception allows a brewer or alcohol beverage wholesaler to contribute money or other things of value to or for the benefit of a nonprofit corporation that is conducting festivals of limited duration in a 1st class city if the festivals are sponsored and endorsed in whole or in part by the municipality.

This bill expands this exception to allow brewers and alcohol beverage wholesalers to contribute money or things of value to or for a nonprofit corporation conducting such festivals in 2nd class cities.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 125.33 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             125.33 (2) (h) Contribute money or other things of value to or for the benefit  
6             of a nonprofit corporation, exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue

1 code, as defined in s. 71.22 (4), ~~which~~ that is conducting festivals of limited duration  
2 in a 1st or 2nd class city if the festivals are sponsored and endorsed in whole or part  
3 by a municipal corporation.

4 (END)